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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2005 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Official Action dated April 22, 2005, which carried the normal shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by July 22, 2005. This response is submitted within two months of the date of the Action.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered as they are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance: